


REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, and 15 have been amended, claim 13 has been canceled and new claims 16-24 presented.

With regard to the restriction requirement, it is submitted that the above amendments cause all of the groups identified by the Examiner to relate to a single inventive concept. In particular, claim 1 of Group I has been incorporated into claim 12 of group II and new claims 16-24 present the features of claims 2-10 via claims dependent upon claim 12. Thus, no basis can exist to distinguish between these two groups. Furthermore, claim 15 of Group III bodily incorporates the apparatus of claim 12 of Group II and claim 12 now recites the means for producing the steps of claim 15. Thus, no basis can exist to distinguish between these two groups as well. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is in order and is hereby requested.

However, to insure this response is found to be complete, as required, applicant provisionally elects Groups II for examination in the event that some basis is found for maintaining the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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